Strong Attack by Police Commission

'Sneak' Meters Hit Hard

Strong opposition to "sneak" parking meters which are reportedly under consideration for installation in off-street parking lots was voiced yesterday by members of the Victoria Police Commission.

Commissioner W. J. Hamilton launched the attack with a request that the commission go on record as opposing "what I call a sneak meter."

"Parking meters were instituted to help with traffic problems," said Mr. Hamilton, "not to boost city receipts. I suggest if the city wants to increase revenue they should do so in an above-board way."

OUT OF ORDER?

He added that no motorist would be able to tell if a meter was out of order, because no one but the commissionaire could examine them. He also doubted if a parking violation could be proved in court.

Commissioners tabled for further study a suggestion that blood samples be taken from motorists charged with driving while impaired.

Promotion of two city policemen to rank of first-class constables was approved. The two, both now taking a course in advance police work, are Laurie Belfry and Clifford Harrison.

In his annual report, Chief Constable Frank Blackstock noted that crime incidence, while "slowly on the increase, is under very fair degree of control, considering the rapid growth of the population."

In 1958, he noted, city police made 1,562 arrests, an increase of 86 over 1957.

In the juvenile department, where "in two years this department has practically doubled its work," he noted that there were 33 fewer charges laid and 45 fewer juveniles appeared in juvenile court in 1958.

DIFFERENT TREND

"The amount of work accomplished by the juvenile department," said the chief, "shows a much different trend.

"In 1956, there were 384 reports handled by this department; in 1957, there were 591, but in 1958, there were 724 reports attended . . . This figure of course does not include the number of calls necessitated to complete these reports, nor does it include correspondence . . . nor work done with the 78 juveniles placed on probation."

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W. J. HAMILTON

B.C. Whalers May Sail Yet

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hope that British Columbia's whaling fleet may sail this year improved Friday when conciliation officers submitted proposals for a possible settlement of the union-management wage dispute. Details were not known.

Negotiations had been deadlocked, the company had notified employees the operation would not start in Apr" and workmen had begun dismantling the six-vessel fleet.

Vancouver Tells Victoria:

Sell Circuit Together

Continued and increasing "togetherness" of Victoria and Vancouver in seeking tourist trade was called for yesterday at the annual meeting of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau.

Guest speaker was T. B. Haskell, president of the Greater Vancouver Tourist Association, who said that use of the theme of "selling the circuit" —Vancouver Island and the lower mainland — was most important.

He was thanked by Victoria publisher Stuart Keate, who called for another kind of co-operation: Vancouver's support in Victoria's fight against replacement of Trans-Canada Air Lines by "a feeder service" between the two cities.

Mr. Haskell said that if Vancouver and Victoria could accomplish the job of selling the circuit, "we will be one of the greatest tourist centres in the world today."

Annual reports presented at the meeting indicated the Victoria and Island bureau will seek again this year to obtain more money to spend on tourism promotion.

President Ian Ross reported the publicity bureau had one of the most demanding years in its history and had "against overwhelming odds tenaciously "held the budget line."

Bureau had an increase of 40,000 inquiries over 1957 and an increase of 22,000 persons calling at the office.

In the Legislature

Bennett, Strachan at Odds Over PGE Profit Claims

Premier Bennett expects the PGE Railway to make a net profit of $1,000,000 this year.

He told legislature net revenues increased $240,000 last month over January of last year.

But, that was not the way Opposition Leader Robert Strachan analyzed the PGE profit and loss statement.

"If the report had been presented the same way as last year, the railway would have finished up with a $5,000,000 deficit," Mr. Strachan said.

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The government appears to be delaying consideration of the attorney-general's department at which time the Sommers case handling will certainly be debated at length.

Premier Bennett told Opposition Leader Robert Strachan yesterday that the House will consider the finance department estimates when it sits at 2 p.m. Monday and education department estimates will be next.

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Guests in the legislature yesterday were 39 students from 26 different countries of the world.

The majority of them were students of UBC and the Vancouver School of Arts and were given a desk-thumping welcome by MLAs.

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Opposition Leader Robert Strachan asked Premier Bennett yesterday why he doesn't "want us to see" the Carrothers report on the civil servants.

"This is the manipulating we object to," he said. "He is bubbling over to present one report, but we get the silent treatment when we want to see another."

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Premier Bennett said the government is making a complete study of rural electrification problems. He said he had asked private companies to advise of their plans for rural electrification.

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Opposition Leader Robert Strachan has likened Premier Bennett to "a real estate salesman trying to sell the people of northern B.C. a bill of goods."

He charged that while the Wenner-Gren dam will be built in the north, it will be to sell power to the lower mainland.

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Veteran Fernie Labor member Tom Uphill protested yesterday a CPR decision to withdraw access rights across its tracks to school buses in the Fernie area.

He said the CPR action meant children would have to cross on foot tracks used by shunting engines. Their lives would be endangered.

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